

**657—30.4(155A) Identification and referral of impaired professionals and technicians.** A professional or technician may self-report an impairment by contacting the board or a program provider. A pharmaceutical peer review committee, a committee of an association, a member of the staff of a college of pharmacy, or any other concerned party may contact a program provider or the board if the reporting person or committee has knowledge that, in the opinion of the reporter, might affect the professional's or technician's competency due to impairment, or that might endanger the public health and safety or the safety of the subject, or that provides grounds for disciplinary action.

**30.4(1) Board referral of self-reporting professional or technician.** The board may refer a self-reporting professional or technician to the committee for evaluation and assistance. The board shall not disclose to the public the identity of a self-reporting professional or technician or any information regarding the individual's impairment if:

*a.* The individual was not involved in the distribution of controlled substances or legend drugs to other individuals, and

*b.* The individual agrees to participate in the impairment program, including executing a recovery contract and abiding by the terms of that contract.

**30.4(2) Board referral of other impaired professionals or technicians.** The board may refer to the committee any professional or technician the board has determined to be in need of assistance or support in recovering from the professional's or technician's addiction or impairment. A referral to the committee may be included in the terms of a board order resulting from a contested case hearing, in the terms of a settlement agreement between the board and the professional or technician, or it may be a recommendation of the board to the professional or technician.